

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

SENATE MEMORIAL 95

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

INTRODUCED BY

Gerald Ortiz y Pino

A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO AND MEMBERS OF THE
2017 J. PAUL TAYLOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TASK FORCE AND REQUESTING
THEM TO RECONVENE THE J. PAUL TAYLOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TASK FORCE
IN 2018.

WHEREAS, since 2013, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood
task force, made up of experts in child well-being, early
childhood development, health care, social work, education,
government, public benefits, law and administration as well as
other areas of expertise, has met at the legislature's request
to analyze matters relating to children's well-being and make
recommendations on improving children's well-being to the
legislature and other policymakers; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the university of New Mexico has
volunteered to convene and provide administrative support for

.210392.1

underscoring material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

underscoring material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force; and

2 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force is
3 named for former long-time member of the New Mexico house of
4 representatives, J. Paul Taylor, of Mesilla, New Mexico, who
5 has contributed greatly to the field of children's rights and
6 well-being during his long and distinguished career in public
7 service; and

8 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has
9 done much in recent years to educate the legislature and other
10 policymakers on the importance of screening for adverse
11 childhood events, which are factors in a child's life that may
12 interfere with that child's life outcomes if they are not
13 addressed; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2017, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task
15 force made a recommendation that the human services department
16 be requested to establish guidelines for medicaid managed care
17 organizations to screen medicaid recipients using an improved
18 health risk assessment that would include family questions for
19 the survey of well-being of young children in order to identify
20 adverse childhood events in the lives of young medicaid
21 recipients and provide access to timely interventions; and

22 WHEREAS, in response to its findings, that New Mexico's
23 behavioral health system and other health care providers should
24 be equipped to examine and respond to the effects of parental
25 mental illness, substance use disorders and family violence on

.210392.1

underscoring material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 young children, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force
2 also requested that the legislature create a working group to
3 address infrastructure gaps for a two-generation behavioral
4 health system; and

5 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force
6 recommended that the term "child neglect" and its antonym,
7 "adequate and appropriate parenting", have operationalized
8 definitions so that those who are seeking to promote adequate
9 and appropriate parenting may properly identify and address
10 child neglect; and

11 WHEREAS, during the 2017 interim, the J. Paul Taylor early
12 childhood task force reported these recommendations to the
13 legislative health and human services committee; and

14 WHEREAS, members of the legislative health and human
15 services committee recommended to the J. Paul Taylor early
16 childhood task force that it continue its work in investigating
17 the effects of parental mental illness, substance use disorder
18 and family violence on young children and its work in making
19 recommendations for creating a two-generation behavioral health
20 system;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
22 OF NEW MEXICO that the dedicated members of the J. Paul Taylor
23 early childhood task force and the university of New Mexico be
24 recognized for their work on behalf of the youngest New
25 Mexicans; and

.210392.1

underscored material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university of New Mexico
2 and the members of the 2017 J. Paul Taylor early childhood task
3 force be requested to reconvene the J. Paul Taylor early
4 childhood task force in 2018 and continue its work in
5 investigating the effects of parental mental illness, substance
6 use disorders and family violence on young children and its
7 work in making recommendations for creating a two-generation
8 behavioral health system; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the J. Paul Taylor early
10 childhood task force be requested to continue its work in
11 identifying ways in which screening for adverse childhood
12 events can be promoted statewide so that children may be
13 provided with timely interventions; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the J. Paul Taylor early
15 childhood task force be requested to continue its efforts to
16 obtain operational definitions of "child neglect" as well as
17 "adequate and appropriate parenting"; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the J. Paul Taylor early
19 childhood task force be requested to report its findings and
20 recommendations to the legislative health and human services
21 committee by November 1, 2018; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the president of the university of New Mexico,
24 the 2017 chair of the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force
25 and the chair and vice chair of the legislative health and

.210392.1

underscored material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 human services committee.

- 5 -

2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

.210392.1

